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INSURANCE PREMIUM FOR TARANG HANDSETS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the monthly insurance premium is charged for Tarang handsets;

(b) if so, the amount of premium being charged and the types of facilities being provided to the subscribers as a result thereof;

(c) whether these facilities are available in other handsets also; and

(d) the details of insurance amount paid to the subscribers due to damage or loss of `Tarang` handsets in West Bengal during each of the last three years, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A very nominal amount of Rs. 20/- per month is being charged from the customers for insurance premium. In this regard, subscriber is not required to pay the cost of instrument and security deposit for BSNL handset.

(c) This facility is available only for the handset of `Tarang` of WLL service.

(d) No insurance amount is paid to the subscriber due to damage or loss of `Tarang` handsets in West Bengal because the ownership of the handset lies with BSNL.